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Manganese cause of discoloured water: City officials

'Elevated' levels. City taking steps to address treatment, buildup

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A report made public on Thursday blames higher concentrations of manganese for last summer's brown water woes.

City officials stressed numerous times during the late morning press conference at city hall that the water remains safe, as the levels of manganese — while enough to discolour the water — were 10 times below the World Health Organization's guideline of 0.4 mg per litre.

"The good news is that we have identified the cause of discoloured water, we know where it's coming from and there's now a plan going forward to resolve the issue," said Diane Sacher, director of the city's water and waste department.

The Winnipeg Discoloured Water Investigation report by consulting firm CH2M Hill stated that the samples collected from citizens showed "elevated concentrations of iron and/or manganese."

Sacher pointed to a coagulant, called ferric chloride, which is used in the treatment process, as the main suspect.

"The primary cause of the increased manganese is from the coagulant that we are using at the water treatment plant," she said, adding ferric chloride contains manganese.

"We add it to water so that it helps physically clump algae and other organic materials together so that it's easier to remove."

Mayor Sam Katz said after listening to the experts during a council seminar before the press conference, he's confident the water is safe.

"We want factual information out there, we don't want people to be alarmed for no reason," he added.

Sacher said the city is taking several measures to deal with the levels of manganese coming out of the water treatment plant and the buildup of manganese in the water distribution system.

Those plans include monitoring Shoal Lake for manganese levels, replacing ferric chloride with a chemical that has less manganese, accelerating the water main cleaning program from six to two years, and cleaning all three reservoirs.

Water remains safe

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City officials said the highest levels of manganese found in samples taken were still 10 times below the World Health Organization's guideline of 0.4 mg per litre.

Mayor Sam Katz listens as Diane Sacher, director of water and waste, explains the cause of last summer's brown water issues. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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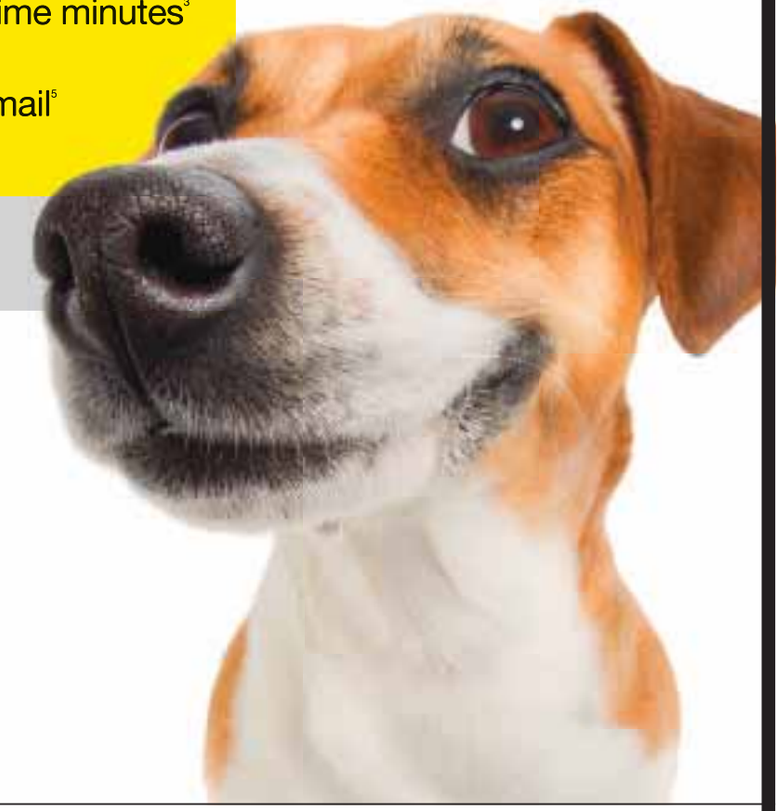

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Pride Winnipeg expanding

Double the fun. Festival adds second day to festivities at The Forks

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Winnipeg's Pride Festival is getting bigger.

Organizers said Thursday 2014's Pride Winnipeg Forks Festival will be the first to span over two days to better accommodate the increasing crowds coming out for the party.

"The love of human rights and equality demonstrated by Winnipeggers has allowed us to extend the Pride Festival at The Forks," said Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak. "So instead of taking place solely on Sunday, the Pride Festival will now be taking place over two days on the Saturday and the Sunday."

Last year 30,000 people came out for the festival.

This year the festival will feature performing artists, local vendors and children's entertainment. The ever-popular Queer Beer Tent will also return, and this year it'll be expanded and upgraded to meet the demands of thirsty revellers over the two days.

Pride Winnipeg also unveiled the theme of this year's festival: "Without Borders."

"We want to raise awareness of what's going on, not only in Winnipeg, but also globally," explained Niemczak. "We have it good here, but people across the world — including parts of the U.S. — don't have it as good as we do.

"So we want to be able to share our resources to assist those folks."

To put the theme's principles into action this year Pride Winnipeg is working to help a group in Thompson organize the city's first Pride parade, and hope to work with other Manitoba communities in the future.

The 2014 Pride Festival starts May 23 and goes until June 1, when the annual parade will snake through Winnipeg's downtown.

On the web

Go to pridewinnipeg.com for more information or to volunteer to help out.

Pride Winnipeg president Jonathan Niemczak announces the theme for this year's Pride Festival and details about the event during Thursday's press conference at The Forks. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Foul play not suspected in woman's death

55 Stadacona St., where a woman was found dead Wednesday. METRO

Winnipeg police say foul play is not suspected in the death of a woman found lying outside in frigid winter temperatures Wednesday morning.

Police were called to the first 100 block of Stadacona Street around 7:40 a.m. where a 41-year-old woman was found lying in the street.

She was rushed to hospital, where she was later pronounced dead.

The death was originally deemed suspicious Wednesday, while police waited for the results of an autopsy.

Police said Thursday that those results showed alcohol and exposure led to the woman's death.

"Right now I'm not aware that the investigation is going any further," said police spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen.

"But certainly work with respect to completing the investigation and making sure that no stone is left unturned is what we wanted to do."

The woman's family has been notified, and police will not be releasing her name. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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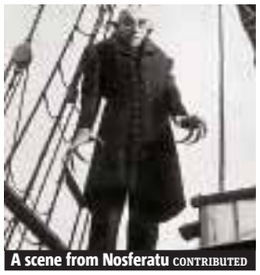
Nosferatu rises again

Cinematheque. 'First brilliant vampire film,' says U of M prof


A scene from Nosferatu CONTRIBUTED

Given the possible over-saturation of vampires in pop culture, Winnipeg's Cinematheque is screening a most relevant cinematic classic Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror.

Predating even the iconic 1931 Dracula starring Bela Lugosi, this 1922 black-and-white silent movie "is the first brilliant vampire film," said George Toles, distinguished professor and film chair at the University of Manitoba. "When Nosferatu was made, the horror genre in film didn't yet exist."

Cinematheque is presenting a newly remastered version from a 35mm print for HD and digital projection, with an orchestral performance of the original 1922 score that was lost for many decades.

Nosferatu is in fact itself an adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel Dracula — an unauthorized one, resulting in a lawsuit from Stoker's estate and a court order that all prints of the film be destroyed.

Yet what some call director F.W. Murnau's masterpiece survived and continued to influence an entire genre.

"I love older silent films and have also always been a horror fan," says Cinematheque programming co-ordinator Dave Barber.

Nosferatu is playing at Cinematheque Jan. 31 to Feb.1 and Feb. 5 to 6. KENTON SMITH/FOR METRO

Sign of the ch-ch-ch chilly times

Alex Wong, a culinary arts student at Red River College, helps instructor Tom Pitt carve an ice sculpture in -32C — with the windchill — weather on Thursday. The sculpture, which bears the name Red River College and is about five feet tall, is located near the Main Street entrance of the Union Building. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Collision frequency. MPI bracing for higher than normal winter claims

Manitoba Public Insurance had a relatively healthy third quarter, but says it's still bracing for higher than normal winter claims.

MPI recorded net income of more than $64 million for the nine months ending Nov. 30, 2013, compared to just over $15 million for the same period last year.

Heather Reichert, MPI's vice-president of finance and CFO, says December collision and injury claims were both more than 17 per cent higher than last December's claims.

The collision frequency in early January has not improved at all from December.

This year there have already been more than 16,000 collision claims.

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Break-ins

Cops stop home invasion spree

A man and woman are facing charges after suspects broke into three Winnipeg homes over two days earlier this week.

Officers caught up with the two suspects in their vehicle in the 800 block of St. Mary's Road after responding to the last break-in.

Douglas Smith, 42, of Winnipeg, and a 30-year-old woman are facing a number of charges. METRO

224 pot plants seized

Winnipeg grow-op extinguished

Two men are facing drug-related charges following a raid at a home in the St. John's neighbourhood Wednesday. Police seized 224 pot plants with an estimated value of $250,000, four pounds of dried pot, about $6,000 in growing equipment and $2,000 in cash. A 33-year-old man and 25-year-old man face a slew of charges, including possession for the purpose of trafficking. METRO

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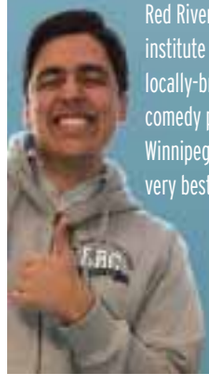

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The North Korean cargo ship Chong Chon Gang sits in Sherman Bay near Colon City, Panama. The vessel was seized in July, 2013 for carrying arms which were to be repaired and returned to Cuba. ANULFO FRANCO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Panama releases crew of seized ship

A sweet distraction. Captain of North Korean vessel and two of his crew facing arms trafficking charges

Panama's judicial authorities have ordered the release of 32 of 35 crew members of a North Korean ship detained last July for carrying hidden arms from Cuba and they were working Thursday on paperwork needed to leave.

Prosecutor Nahaniel Murgas said the captain and two other crew members will remain to face arms trafficking charges.

He said a search of the ship turned up documents that showed "that the ship's captain, first officer and political officer had been given instructions about what to do if the illegal shipment was detected. There were certain recommendations.

"Together with that were the statements by the rest of the crew, who said they were employees on the vessel, but not responsible" for the shipment, he said. "It was based on that they decided to free the other 32."

The Chong Chon Gang was carrying Cuban fighter jets and missiles. The owners agreed to pay a $670,000 US fine this month to release the ship.

The ship was headed from Cuba to North Korea when it was stopped in the canal on July 15 based on intelligence that it may have been carrying drugs.

The Cuban military equipment was found beneath sacks of sugar. Panama has not released the more than 10,000 tonnes of sugar or the arms.

After the seizure, Cuba said the cargo included "obsolete defensive weapons" including two MiG-21 fighter jets and 15 motors, nine missiles in parts, and two anti-aircraft systems that were being shipped to North Korea "to be repaired and returned."

A preliminary report by UN experts determined that the seized ship violated UN sanctions against North Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

African summit. Unrest in Central African Republic, S. Sudan a cause for alarm

African leaders met in Ethiopia Thursday at a summit to discuss outbreaks of violence in South Sudan and Central African Republic, as well as food security across the continent.

Opening the African Union summit Thursday, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn said he was "deeply concerned by the emergence of new conflicts" that threaten Africa's collective peace and stability. The summit is being attended by 34 African leaders.

Africa's violent conflicts often force many people to flee their homes, leaving them unable to grow their own food and totally aid-dependent. In South Sudan, where violence since mid-December has displaced more than 700,000 people, the United Nations estimates that 3.7 million people are now severely food-insecure. In Central African Republic, nearly one million people have been displaced around the country by sectarian violence pitting Muslims against Christians.

Often accused of responding sluggishly toward crises, the African Union — with members from 54 of the continent's 55 states — appears to be taking steps toward more robust action in the face of sudden outbreaks of violence. There is plan now to have in place what is being called an African Union standby force — troops who would be ready to deploy during emergency situations.

The UN has accused both sides of committing atrocities. The fighting has imperiled South Sudan's oil industry, after technical workers fled and rebel fighters took control of the fields. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A call to action

"We need to find urgent solutions to rescue these two countries from falling into the abyss."

Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn reacts to the violent conflicts which have impacted millions of Africans.

Greece

Police detain boat death protesters

Greek police detained dozens of people Thursday during a protest at the merchant marine office over the deaths of immigrants whose boat sank as it was being towed by the Coast Guard. Twelve people, mostly children, are believed to have died last week when a small boat carrying 28 people sank in the Aegean Sea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany

Artwork recovery efforts slammed

Germany must make a stronger effort to identify and return thousands of looted art pieces the Nazis took from Jews, the president of the World Jewish Congress said Thursday as he met with top government officials in Berlin to push his case.

Ronald Lauder says legislation needs to be changed in order to facilitate its return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Health Canada. Morning-after pill to be studied due to questions over efficacy

Health Canada says it is studying the effectiveness of the so-called "morning after" contraceptive pills in the wake of news they aren't as effective in larger women.

The federal drug regulator says it is assessing new data that suggests a higher body weight could reduce the effectiveness of emergency contraceptives.

Health Canada says it is also looking at whether labelling changes are needed for all brands of the pills to reflect the problem.

The department's statement comes two months after French manufacturer HRA Pharma announced its emergency contraception pill doesn't work in women who weigh more than 176 pounds.

There are four brands of morning-after pills available without prescription in Canada: Next Choice, from Cobalt Pharmaceuticals; HRA Pharma's NorLevo; Option 2, from Perrigo International and Plan B from Women's Health Inc.

Health Canada says if it decides action needs to be taken, it will work with manufacturers to update labels and inform consumers.

The pills contain higher levels of levonorgestrel than standard oral contraceptives and work by preventing ovulation or fertilization of an egg. They can be taken up to 72 hours after unprotected sex or a contraceptive accident such as a condom breaking.

The pills do not have any impact if a woman has already become pregnant.

Health Canada says it is aware of a recent statement from the European Medicine's Agency alerting consumers to the fact that NorLevo's labelling had been altered to make reference to the observation that weight affects the efficacy of the medication.

The added wording says the pill's efficacy is reduced in women weighing 75 kilograms (165 pounds) or more, and the pill doesn't work for women who weigh more than 80 kilograms (175 pounds).

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HRA Pharma announced its emergency contraception pill doesn't work for women over 176 pounds. Health Canada is looking into potential label changes for morning-after pills. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ford: I'm no fan, but Bieber's not that bad

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is questioned by reporters at city hall in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'He's a young guy.' Despite a preference for Rush, Zeppelin, Toronto mayor sticks up for pop star recently charged with assault in his city

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is sticking up for another headline-grabbing Canadian — Justin Bieber.

Ford was asked about the pop singer when he spoke by phone today to the Washington, D.C.-based Sports Junkies radio show.

Ford said Bieber is only 19 and asked the radio personalities, who called Bieber "Canada's worst export," to think back to when they were that age. On Wednesday, Bieber was charged in Toronto with assault.

Ford's comment on Bieber was: "He's a young guy, 19 years old. I wish I was as successful as he was."

Ford says he's never met Bieber and is not a fan of his music, preferring Rush and Led Zeppelin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bieber's toxicology report

A toxicology report released Thursday shows that Justin Bieber tested positive for marijuana and Xanax after his arrest on DUI charges in Florida last week.

- The report also shows no presence of other illicit drugs in Bieber's system.
- A previous report found that breath tests placed Bieber's blood-alcohol content below the .02 level considered intoxicated for under-21 drivers.

Syrian toddler rescued from rubble

Fourteen-month-old Ghina Khalil is recovering with her family in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo after being buried in rubble.

The stunning rescue, caught on video, corresponds to Associated Press reporting of events.

The footage shows a group of men frantically digging in the dusty rubble of her home after an alleged air strike on Jan. 22.

Amid cries of "God is greatest," the toddler's curly-haired head can be seen emerging from the dust, as the men scoop away handfuls of crumbled concrete with their bare hands. With her arms freed, the girl reaches up to wipe her eyes in a sign of life.

According to the activist who filmed the video, uploaded to the Internet by the Nur Media Centre, the girl was completely buried for at least three minutes and her mother was killed in the attack. A video taken later showed Khalil in new clothes, with no visible injuries.

The Syrian government has been accused of using airstrikes and rocket attacks indiscriminately against residential areas.

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In this image taken from a Jan. 22 video, men dig 14-month-old Ghina Khalil out of rubble in Aleppo, Syria. NUR MEDIA CENTRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sex ring busted before Super Bowl: Officials

'Party packs.' Texts advertising cocaine and sex combos were allegedly sent to clients

Officials say 18 people are being rounded up in New York City on allegations they sold "party packs" of cocaine and sex to high-end clients and texted clients to advertise ahead of this week's Super Bowl festivities.

The officials say the arrests follow an 11-month investigation by state and city authorities. The law enforcement officials with knowledge of the operation spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to disclose it before court filings Thursday.

They say surveillance shows the ring laundered money and credit cards through clothing, wig, beauty supply and limousine businesses and targeted wealthy out-of-town customers, especially during large events.

Prostitutes would bring cocaine to clients who ordered the so-called party packs.

The text sent 10 days before the Super Bowl says "new sexy & beautiful girls R in town waiting for u."

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New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and New York City Police Chief of Department Philip Banks at a press conference Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi. Olympic organizers 'clarify' statement — athletes free to express themselves

A day after the head of the Sochi organizing committee appeared to contradict IOC president Thomas Bach on the rights of Olympic athletes to freely express themselves at news conferences, organizers issued a backpedalling statement Thursday "to clarify" their position.

Dmitry Chernyshenko said Wednesday that he didn't think athletes were allowed to speak about non-sporting issues at official Olympic news conferences. On Monday, Bach said athletes would be free to do so.

"The Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee would like to clarify comments attributed to Dmitry Chernyshenko yesterday concerning athletes being able to express themselves during press conferences. Sochi 2014 are fully aligned with the position of the International Olympic Committee," the committee said in a statement.

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Montreal

Woman dies after scarf caught in escalator

A woman was strangled and died Thursday after her scarf and then her hair got caught in the mechanism of a Montreal subway escalator.

Police say the victim was a 48-year-old woman.

The accident happened at around 9:15 a.m., during the morning rush hour.

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Protesting en pointe

Ballet dancer Alexandra Portyannikova, wearing handcuffs and braving the -20 C weather, takes part in a protest in Moscow on Thursday. It was organized by Amnesty International to draw international attention to human rights violations in Russia. IVAN SEKRETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Valerie Trierweiler. France's former first lady says she has no regrets

"Je ne regrette rien."

That's what France's former first lady, Valerie Trierweiler, told the weekly Paris Match amid the drama of being dumped by French President Francois Hollande for a younger actress.

Trierweiler and Hollande seem to be keeping things civilized, though. Since the president announced their split over the weekend, they have apparently continued to talk and text.

Trierweiler, speaking to journalists on a trip to India this week, described for the first time some of what led to their breakup. She seemed to be trying to smooth over her reputation and win sympathy from the French, who have never really warmed to her.

Trierweiler blamed the deterioration in their relationship on Hollande's ascent to the presidency, the country's macho political culture and the shock of learning about his affair with French actress Julie Gayet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Valerie Trierweiler
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"When I found out, it was like I had fallen from a skyscraper."

Valerie Trierweiler, on finding out French President Francois Hollande was having an affair.

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Egypt arrests 11 Brotherhood members for their Facebook pages

E-revolution. Social media rants bring crackdown; but Morsi's former government also arrested Internet protesters

This screen grab taken Thursday shows the Facebook page of The Revolutionaries of Bani Suef. Their administrator was arrested. VIA FACEBOOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian authorities arrested 11 Muslim Brotherhood members accused of running Facebook pages that incite violence against the police, expanding a crackdown on followers of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi to include social media.

The arrests Wednesday and Thursday are a sign that after largely crippling the group in a wave of arrests and killings of protesters, security agencies are going after younger members using the Internet to keep protests alive and looking for evidence of links to a growing insurgency and violent backlash.

Bombings and drive-by shootings targeting police officers have accelerated in retaliation for the killings and jailing of Brotherhood members and other Islamists. The attacks have been claimed by an al-Qaida-inspired militant group, but the government accuses Morsi's Brotherhood of orchestrating the violence and has branded it a terrorist group, an accusation they deny. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough new law planned

According to the Al-Shorouk newspaper, Egypt is preparing a new anti-terrorism law that criminalizes websites that promote "ideas or beliefs calling for use of force or violence."

- During Mohammed Morsi's one-year presidency, there were several arrests linked to postings seen as blasphemous or offensive to Islam.
- Suicide bombings, attacks and drive-by shootings by militants have targeted senior cops, including Lt. Col. Mohammed Mabrouk, who was investigating Brotherhood leaders and was killed in November.

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Handed over 28 years for murder, Knox set for yet another appeal

Italian court upholds guilty verdict. At her mom's Seattle home, American defendant calls ruling 'unjust.'

An appeals court in Florence on Thursday upheld the guilty verdict against U.S. student Amanda Knox and her ex-boyfriend for the 2007 murder of her British roommate. Knox was sentenced to 28 and a half years in prison, raising the spectre of a long legal battle over her extradition if the conviction is confirmed.

Lawyers for Knox and her co-defendant, Raphael Sollecito, vowed to appeal to Italy's highest court, a process that will take at least another year and drag out a legal saga that has divided court watchers in three nations.

In a statement from Seattle, where she had awaited the verdict at her mother's home, Knox said she was "frightened and saddened" by the decision. She said it was "unjust" and the result of an overzealous prosecution and narrow-minded investigation that worked to "pervert the court of justice."

"Having been found innocent before, I expected better from the Italian justice system," she said.

After nearly 12 hours of deliberations, the court reinstated the guilty verdicts first handed down against Knox and Sollecito in 2009 for the death of Meredith Kercher. Those verdicts had been overturned in 2011 and the pair freed from prison, but Italy's supreme court vacated that decision and sent the case back for a third trial in Florence.

Kercher, 21, was found dead Nov. 2, 2007 in a pool of blood in the bedroom of the apartment she and Knox shared in the central Italian city of Perugia, where both were studying. Her throat had been slashed and she was sexually assaulted.

Knox and Sollecito, who had started dating a few days earlier, maintained they were at Sollecito's apartment the night of the murder.

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A woman believed to be Amanda Knox is hidden under a jacket while being escorted from Knox's mother's home in Seattle on Thursday. Knox said she is frightened and saddened by the 28-year sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dismayed

"She was petrified. Silent."

Carlo Dalla Vedova, Amanda Knox's Italian lawyer, explaining his client's reaction over the phone when he told her of the sentence set by a Florence appeal court.

Amanda Knox

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Ukraine president takes sick leave

Protesters practise battle moves at Kyiv's Independence Square on Thursday. Ukraine's president, Viktor Yanukovych, announced he's taking a sick leave as the political crisis shows no signs of resolution. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the midst of Ukraine's unending political crisis, its embattled president went on sick leave Thursday, leashing a tidal wave of conspiracy theories since protesters have been demanding his ouster for months.

Was the 63-year-old Viktor Yanukovych really sick? Or was he feigning illness in preparation for something else, like dodging responsibility for a violent police crackdown on the protesters? Maybe he was ready to give in and hand over power to the opposition but hardliners in his government wouldn't let him?

No one but the president himself knew the answers.

Yanukovych has an acute respiratory illness and a high fever, according to his presidential website. There was no indication of how long he might be on leave or how much work he is able to do during that time.

Vitali Klitschko, leader of the opposition party Udar, suggested that Yanukovych could be pretending to take himself out of action in preparation for imposing a state of emergency. That has been a persistent worry of the opposition since protesters clashed violently with police two weeks ago; three demonstrators were killed in those clashes.

Yanukovych has faced two months of large protests that have sometimes paralyzed the centre of Kyiv, the capital. The protests started after he backed out of a long-awaited agreement to deepen ties with the European Union, but quickly came to encompass a wide array of discontent over corruption.

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Hard to handle

Ukraine's protesters won't budge despite a series of concessions, including:

- **Softer anti-protest laws.** Parliament voted Tuesday to repeal harsh anti-protest laws.
- **Prime minister's resignation.** Yanukovych accepted it, but protesters want him out and new elections to be held.

L'Isle-Verte. 'Touched' Pope sends blessing as comfort

Pope Francis offered his spiritual support Thursday to a Quebec community devastated by a fire at a seniors' home that has left 19 people confirmed dead.

Thirteen people were still missing following the early morning blaze at Résidence du Havre in L'Isle-Verte on Jan. 23.

The Pope's sympathies follow those of the Queen, who offered her condolences in a message released a day after the fire.

Vatican Secretary of State Archbishop Pietro Parolin wrote that Pope Francis was immediately touched by the tragedy upon learning of it.

The Pope "united himself in prayer in the grief of the bereaved families and entrusted the victims to the mercy of God, that they might be accepted into his light," the archbishop said.

Pope Francis imparted a special apostolic blessing "to all those affected by this tragedy" as a "sign of comfort," he added.

The residence had 52 units and many of its occupants had limited mobility, needing wheelchairs or walkers to get around. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News of the World

Actor Daniel Craig's phone hacked 'routinely'

A former tabloid reporter who admits snooping on voice mails said Thursday he "routinely" hacked the phone of actor Daniel Craig.

Dan Evans has pleaded guilty to phone hacking while at the News of the World and the Sunday Mirror. He is a prosecution witness at the trial in London of former News of the World editors.

"I was routinely hacking Daniel Craig's phone from my Sunday Mirror days," Evans told the jury.

Evans said he obtained a story about supermodel Kate Moss from the James Bond actor's voice mail messages.

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Cheating scandal in U.S. Air Force

Nuclear Missile Corps. Cheating on proficiency test blamed on pressure to get a perfect score; 92 involved

U.S. Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James with Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson. SCOTT M. ASH/U.S. AIR FORCE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top U.S. Air Force officials described a persistent culture of "undue stress and fear" that led 92 out of 550 members of the American military's nuclear missile corps to be involved in cheating on a monthly proficiency test on which they felt pressured to get perfect scores to get promoted.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said Thursday that at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, roughly half of the 183 missile launch officers have been implicated in the cheating.

The cheating scandal is the latest in an array of troubles that now have the attention of senior defence officials, including Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel. News reports began on the issue nine months ago, revealing serious security lapses, low morale, burnout and other issues in the nuclear force. The Air Force recently announced the cheating scandal grew out of a drug investigation.

But James and Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, who heads Global Strike Command, insisted that the failures haven't affected the safety of the military's nuclear mission.

James and Wilson suggested that so far it appears the cheating was confined to the Montana base. "These tests have taken on, in their eyes, such high importance, that they feel that anything less than 100 could well put their entire career in jeopardy," even though they only need a score of 90 to pass, said James.

Of the 92 officers implicated, as many as 40 were involved directly in the cheating, Wilson said. Others may have known about it but did not report it.

Separately, James said that an investigation into drug possession by officers at several Air Force bases involves 13 airmen.

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Driven to cheat

"These officers have come to believe that these tests are make-it-or-break-it ... They cheated because they felt driven to get 100 per cent."

United States Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James

All missile launch officers have now been re-tested, and the average score was about 95 per cent.

Karzai upsetting the U.S.

Expressing growing U.S. impatience, U.S. Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said Thursday he doesn't know what to believe about new assurances from Afghanistan that President Hamid Karzai is moving closer to signing a pact to keep American troops in his country next year as advisers.

"What is coming out of the presidential palace today, or what President Karzai says today, I don't know," Hagel told a news conference in Warsaw. "It changes constantly." Hagel pointedly noted that Karzai had "agreed — personally agreed — to the bilateral security agreement" negotiated between the two nations last year, yet continues to balk at signing it.

The deal would allow some U.S. soldiers to remain and keep training Afghans after most of the 39,000 troops withdraw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foot-dragging on future role

10,000

The number of troops the Obama administration has indicated it might be willing to keep in Afghanistan in an advisory role

U.S. Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel
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Hits record high

Facebook stock gets thumbs up on eve of 10th birthday

Facebook's stock is soaring after the social networking company reported stronger-than-expected results for the fourth quarter, fueled by strong mobile advertising revenue.

Facebook Inc., which turns 10 next week, said Wednesday that more than half of its advertising revenue now comes from mobile. It only started showing mobile ads in 2012. Investors fretted at the time that it wouldn't be able to evolve into a "mobile-first" company. The quarter's results are a sign that it has.

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Was biggest acquisition

Google cuts losses with $2.9 billion sale of Motorola

An expensive mistake by Google could turn into a golden opportunity for China's Lenovo Group as it expands beyond its success in the computer industry.

Google is ridding itself of a financial headache by selling Motorola Mobility's smartphone business to Lenovo for $2.9 billion US. The deal, announced late Wednesday, comes less than two years after Google bought Motorola Mobility for $12.4 billion US in the biggest acquisition of Google's 15-year history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Star sparks debate on Israeli settlements

Oxfam tiff. Scarlett Johansson opts to stick with Tel-Aviv-based company SodaStream

Scarlett Johansson has parted ways with the international charity Oxfam because of a dispute over her work for SodaStream, a company operating in a West Bank settlement.

The actress stepped into controversy recently when she agreed to become a global brand ambassador for SodaStream, a Tel Aviv-based company that makes home soda machines and has its main plant in an Israeli industrial park next to the West Bank settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Under pressure

"I remain a supporter of economic co-operation and social interaction between a democratic Israel and Palestine."

Scarlett Johansson, responding, in a public statement released Friday, Jan. 24.

Opposition bubbles up

The dispute between the starlet and Oxfam is part of a widening campaign to boycott the settlements, drawing attention to a larger debate about whether Israel will become an international pariah, at a steep economic price, if it fails to reach a peace deal with the Palestinians.

- The international charity said Thursday that it believes SodaStream and other businesses operating in Israeli settlements in the West Bank contribute to the "denial of rights of the Palestinian communities that we work to support."

Hibernation during big chill freezes bottom line

Barbers Tarris Horton, left, and England Wesley play a video game, with one-year-old Kannon Wesley watching at right, while they wait for customers at Hair on the Floor Barbershop in Covington, Ky. Wesley says business at the barbershop, which depends heavily on walk-in clientele, has been down about 90 per cent in the past several weeks, as the mercury hovered around the zero mark on Tuesday. The January deep freeze wrought by the polar vortex in the Midwest, a big snowfall in the Northeast and abnormal cold and snow in the Deep South has moved many to hibernate — hitting hair salons and other businesses that rely on walk-ins and appointments, including restaurants and health-care specialists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trimming fat. Best Buy Canada cuts 950 workers

Best Buy Canada is laying off about 950 full-time employees as the company reworks its operations to reduce layers of management and combines some of its sales departments.

The electronics retailer said Thursday that the job cuts will affect both its Best Buy and Future Shop stores across Canada.

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Money Mart. Attempt to derail class action fails

The Supreme Court of Canada won't hear an appeal in a case where Money Mart sought to derail a class-action suit over payday loans.

Two Calgary men, Gareth Young and H. Craig Day, are representative plaintiffs in the class action, which argues that the lender's fees for short-term loans are unlawful. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Loonie to dive down as low as 85 cents: Report

Watch for the loonie to lose more of its lustre this year, according to two well-known bank economists.

Craig Alexander, chief economist for TD Economics, warned Thursday that consumers could see the Canadian dollar slide as low as 85 cents US by mid-year if the current environment continues.

He said factors that have impacted the currency so far this year, from an increasingly dovish tone from the Bank of Canada to tapering of monetary stimulus by the U.S. Federal Reserve, will continue to drag down the loonie.

"TD Economics expects that the factors which have taken the Canadian dollar lower are unlikely to shift over the next year or so," wrote Alexander in the report, titled The Call of the Loonie.

"Canada's economy is forecast to underperform the United States, interest rate hikes remain quite a ways off and the outlook for commodity prices is pretty flat, on average."

The report noted that a strengthening U.S. greenback and Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz's perceived stance on a weakened loonie have led the currency's fall to a four-year low.

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THE HAT THAT LAUNCHED 76K RETWEETS

THE METRO LIST

Neil Morton
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Here's some of the great stuff that's been trending on social media — not including #JustinPleaseComeToTurkeyOnHolidays and Justin turning himself in to Toronto police. Sorry, I need a break from the Biebs — or sabbatical.

1 **Bell Let's Talk.** The hashtag #bellletstalk lit up to the tune of three million tweets for the Fourth Annual Bell Let's Talk Day Tuesday, where Canadians break the silence around mental illness. More than $5 million was raised to support mental-health initiatives across the country. Even Rogers tweeted out to use the hashtag. Beautiful day showcasing power of Twitter to effect change.

2 **Arby's.** What people loved the most about the Grammys was Pharrell's Hat — it resembled Smokey Bear and Arby's restaurant logo. Hats off to Arby's who won the day with the tweet: "Hey @Pharrell, can we have our hat back?" It garnered more than 76,000 retweets. Pharrell responded: "Y'all tryna start a roast beef?" Another coup for brands using humour.

3 **Titanic recreation.** Leonardo DiCaprio crashed Jonah Hill's SNL monologue as Hill mocked his Wolf of Wall Street co-star. Jonah apologized and said to soothe his nerves, could they do that thing "that made me feel safe" on the movie set. That thing was a reenactment of the Titanic "I'm flying" scene.

4 **Terrence Ross.** In a spectacular display, the Toronto Raptor forward — last year's all-star slam dunk champion — put on a game for the ages, scoring 51 points against the LA Clippers and tieing Vince Carter's team record. What makes it more remarkable? Ross entered the game averaging just 9.3 points per game.

5 **Air Canada comedy skit.** Shaun Majumder did a parody of Air Canada's customer service on This Hour Has 22 Minutes, playing "Trevor" an Air Canada rep who outlines ridiculous options for people needing help. The point: Customer service is No. 1. So don't just say it, make it No. 1.

6 **Instagrammy hit.** An Instagram montage summed up style at the Grammys with a picture of Stormtroopers (Daft Punk), Wednesday from The Addams Family (Lorde), a Canadian Mountie (Pharrell's hat) and a wet dog (Beyoncé's hair). Suddenly, I feel just fine being ordinary in plaid and skinny jeans.

7 **Budweiser ad.** A heartwarming Super Bowl ad called Puppy Love starring a Clydesdale that comes to the rescue of a golden retriever puppy had more than five million views on YouTube (#bestbuds) since being released. Goes to show once again that funny and/or sentimental ads that don't push the product down your throat have the most impact.

8 **Poutine.** Watch out for La Poutine Week, which runs Feb. 1 to 7 as more than 100 restaurants across the country will be creating their own version of poutine for $10 or less, and Canadians will get the chance to choose their faves. #lapoutineweek.

9 **Bachelor Wedding.** Catherine Giudici and Sean Lowe tied the knot in front of family, friends and past stars from The Bachelor and The Bachelorette. Lowe's father officiated the ceremony and called it "an epic fairy tale." Slight proof that reality TV works in the real world sometimes.

10 **Flappy Bird.** This frustrating game with rudimentary graphics involving a flapping bird that has to stay airborne while avoiding pipe barriers is inexplicably all the rage right now on the app store. It's utterly addictive and is being hailed as the new Angry Birds. Goes to show again there is no accounting for taste.

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ZOOM

This calls for an opera!

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For the Year of the Horse, of course

Actors perform on stage during The Beauty of China Opera show at Pakuwon Imperial Ballroom in Surabaya, Indonesia, as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year, welcoming the Year of the Horse.

Chinese communities around the world were gearing up for the holiday. Based on the Lunisolar Chinese calendar, the new year is celebrated from the first day of the first month of the lunar year and ends with the Lantern Festival on the 15th day.

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By the numbers

3.6B

China's Lunar New Year migration is often referred to as the largest movement of people anywhere, with 3.6 billion trips of all lengths by bus, plane and train expected to be made over the 40-day travel rush. While still an annual ritual for millions working far from home, such journeys are being shunned by many of the newly prosperous who are increasingly using the holiday to fly to overseas.

A tree decorated with red lanterns in Beijing. Mainland China will be virtually shut down for the next seven days. FENG LI/GETTY IMAGES

Clickbait

IRENE KUAN
Metro Online

A month has passed since the New Year — are your diet plans still on track? Don't feel ashamed if you've let them slip; it happens to the best of us. Here are some apps to help you maintain your diet goals:

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My Fitness Pal:

Track your weight, food intake and activities with this free app. You can set calorie intake goals, log your meals, and find nutritional info through the food diary. Each time you log in, you'll be reminded of your achievements. The weight loss is tracked on a chart to show your progress or lack of. You can also connect to your "fitness pals," if you need a friend to keep you motivated.

FatSecret (free):

Find out the nutrition information from your favourite foods, brands and even restaurants with this free app. There's a barcode scanner for info from store bought items. A food diary will help you keep track of your diet, along with the exercise log and diet calendar to track calories consumed and burned. It also provides healthy recipes.

My Net Diary ($9.99):

Make tracking your weight and food intake hassle-free with this easy-to-use app. It contains an extensive food database providing nutritional info for your favourite products. One neat feature is, if a food is not in the database, you can use the PhotoFood service to send a photo of the item to My Net Diary and they will enter or update the food for you. The app will also send you a weekly analysis of your progress, including your water intake.

Twitter

Beloved Internet cat

@colonel_meow

passed away at the age of two years, three months. Do you have any special final thoughts for the ultimate furry feline?

@FMNsocial: Enjoy the Rainbow Bridge, dear @colonel_meow Your furry face will be missed!

@k_kosie RIP @k_kosie colonel_meow #neverforget furry paw of dictatorship. #scotch for all in his honour

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Synopsis

Based on Joyce Maynard's novel of the same name, the action in Labor Day begins when a wounded, escaped criminal (Josh Brolin) hides out in the home of two strangers, Adele, a depressed divorcee (Kate Winslet) and her 13-year-old son, Henry (Gattlin Griffith). What begins as a hostage situation slowly changes as the stranger's sensitive side is revealed and he becomes a surrogate father figure for Henry and companion for Adele.

- Richard: ●●●○○
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Josh Brolin and Kate Winslet star in Labor Day, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

A tale of love and pies

Labor Day. Josh Brolin and Kate Winslet showcase an unexpected spark in this sweet Stockholm Syndrome story

Richard: Mark, it's been said that 90 per cent of the director's job is casting, and on that score Jason Reitman has knocked it out of the park. Labor Day is essentially a three-hander with Winslet, Brolin and Griffith responsible for the emotional weight of the movie. Griffith is convincing as a youngster abruptly placed in the position of son and surrogate spouse, but it is the leads that really carry the movie. Winslet is delicate and effective as the world-weary Adele while Brolin hands in another of his manly man performances, tempered by a hidden sensitive side. I'm curious to hear what you thought.

MB: You bet it's the acting that makes this one work, Richard! There's genuine chemistry between Winslet and Brolin. Brolin is so good I could actually believe his escaped convict could be innocent — no small feat. But the movie, set in 1987, feels like it could have been made in 1987. It's so square compared with Reitman's other work, which I adore. Only someone who's never seen a movie before wouldn't be able to figure out where the story was headed. But you can admire the film's quiet, stately pace, even if the whole thing feels like it's ripped out of a Harlequin romance novel. Don't get me started on the pie scene.

RC: I liked the pie scene. I don't want to give anything away for people who haven't seen the movie, but imagine the scene from Ghost with pastry instead of pottery and you'll get the idea. It's just wonky enough to spice up the story, and I thought Brolin pulled it off. Of all the leading men out there right now he's the only one I can think of to have the old school Lee Marvin grit to still look badass while folding pastry.

MB: Me, I just laughed, until I was shushed by a middle-aged woman in the back row ... I think the movie would have been more interesting if you weren't convinced from the start that Brolin was a good guy and if Winslet's romantic despair weren't quite so acute. Luckily, Griffith provides a good foil for both of them and distracts the viewer from these issues. One thing I really liked about the movie is its shortened time frame: the entire story takes place over one weekend and it sharpens the plot and the tension.

RC: Even though the movie takes place over one long weekend it does take its time to develop the relationship between Adele and the mysterious stranger. Because Reitman takes his time unveiling the relationship, it's a bit more believable than the story might otherwise have been. You're left with the question, "Is it Stockholm Syndrome or true love?"

MB: True need, Richard, and that's close enough for me.

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That Awkward Moment

Director. Tom Gormican

Stars. Zac Efron, Michael B. Jordan

That Awkward Moment is aptly titled mainly because this film is full of them. Zac Efron is one of three libertine buddies transitioning from the sex-addled single life to monogamous devotion. The predictable premise presupposes its cleverness but these one-note characters simplify complex relationships to the banal. And the female characters are even more witless. Efron's supposedly astute love interest nonchalantly excuses his admitted assumption she was a prostitute because she keeps condoms. STEVE GOW

Bookish Balaban finally gets a gun

The Monuments Men. Bob Balaban sheds his wallflower persona in war film about taking back art from the Nazis

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Bill Murray and Bob Balaban star in The Monuments Men, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

One of the first things Bob Balaban's Broadway impresario says when tapped to join the Monuments Men — tasked to recover stolen art from the Nazis in the twilight of the Second World War — is, "Would I get to kill anyone? I'd really like to kill somebody." It's an unexpected edge coming from Balaban, an actor better known for his bookishness. But every actor likes a challenge, he insists.

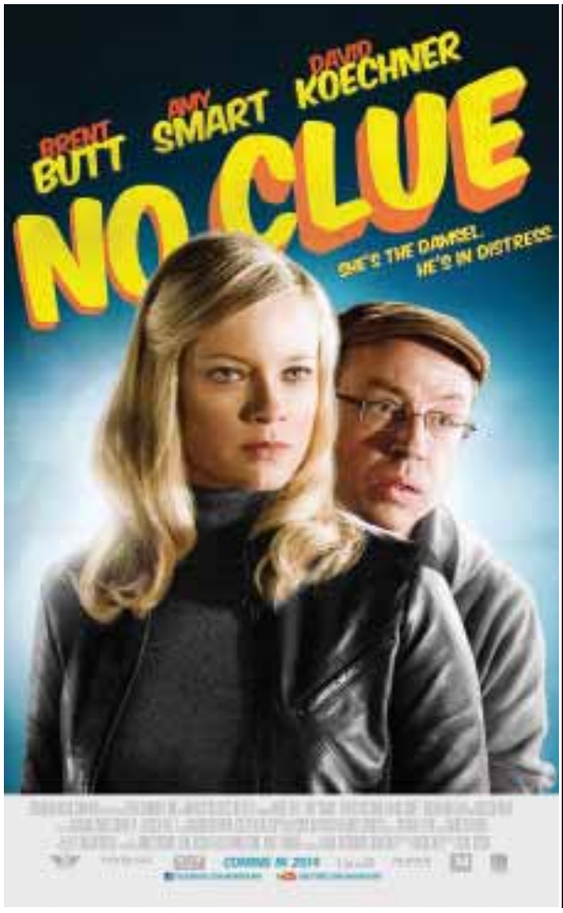
How did you feel about your character being presented as a somewhat tough guy? Is that new for you?
You know, I never really thought about that part too much. I mostly thought, oh my God, I'm going to have to have a gun. What do I do? So I spent a large amount of time training to use my weapon — which I only use for 13 seconds in the beginning of the movie. We actors always like to do things we're not familiar with.

Have you actually carried a gun in a film before?
I was fired the last time I drew a gun in a movie. (laughs) I was in a Woody Allen movie where I had a gun. We shot my scene 900 times, and Woody kept saying, "You don't look very dangerous." I went to a screening of the movie and I said to my wife, "See that little house over there? I'm going to come walking out." And the door opened and Wally Shawn came out. I got fired and I didn't even know I was fired.

So Wallace Shawn is more threatening than you with a gun?
Wally was better than I was. When I saw him do it I thought, no wonder! That's what Woody Allen was talking about.

I mean, don't take this the wrong way, but you're kind of the personification of NPR.
That's funny. It's not a bad thing at all, and I deeply appreciate it. I probably don't really deserve you to think that, in substance anyway, but I do believe in surface and texture it goes well. It's right in my casting wheelhouse. I don't get many cowboys.

So, it's Oscar season, and this film was originally supposed to be in contention. How do you feel about the delay?
I think it's a good thing to be delayed, because there's so many good big, small and middle-size movies this December. I think when this movie comes out in February there will be a lot more people able to focus on it, be aware of it and go to it than there would've been in December, which was so overcrowded.



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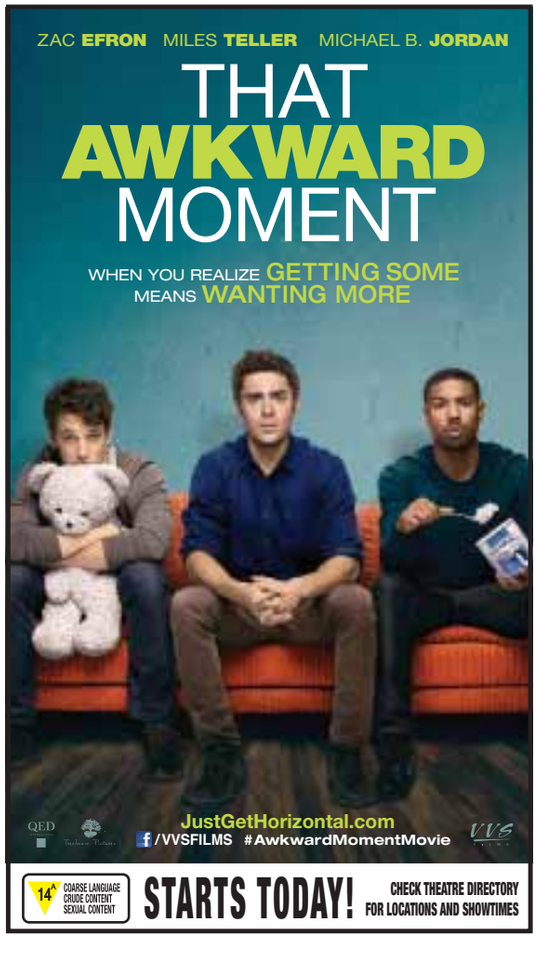
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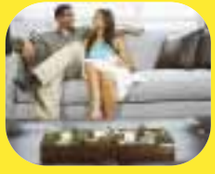

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Elizabeth Banks is one sexy Lego

The Lego Movie.
Actress talks about being the voice of a figurine and working with Morgan Freeman

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Since Elizabeth Banks voices Wyldstyle, one of the minifigure heroes of The Lego Movie, it makes sense to meet for an interview at L.A.'s Legoland amusement park. But it's still fairly surreal, as surroundings go.

Is this the weirdest junket experience you've ever had?
I'll tell you, this is the most exciting junket I've ever been on because Morgan Freeman's here. He's a genius. Everything he says is gold. I mean, I edit [myself] because I still want to get jobs. Whereas Morgan Freeman's like, "F— it. I'm on the other side. They're going to hire me no matter what." And he's right. They should, because he's a genius.

The running joke about your character's name is everyone assumes she's a DJ or something. So if you were actually a DJ, what would be your DJ name?
Um… I'm definitely not a DJ. I'm actually terrible with all that stuff. But my DJ name would be… like, Solo Claudia Goldenschwartz. "Solo" because I'm a solo DJ, I do it on my own.

Your character, while being a Lego figure, actually has curves.
Well, they're kind of drawn-on curves. Wonder Woman does, too. She's got, like, a sweetheart neckline, too. She's got the impression of it, anyway.

Did the curves strike you as odd?
I didn't notice, actually. But it wouldn't bother me. I'm OK with it. I mean, if someone's like, "She's a really sexy Lego, is that weird?" That's on you, man. Who knows, you might be a boob man. Look, I'm here to blaze a trail, and if that's how I do it, so be it.

Quoted

"Look, I'm here to blaze a trail, and if that's how I do it, so be it."

Elizabeth Banks reacting to comments that her Lego character is voluptuous.

While this is an animated film, did you get to work much with your co-stars?
I was really lucky on this. I recorded probably four sessions with Chris Pratt and then two sessions with Chris and me and Will Arnett. The three of us together, that was a very fun time. It was a lot of wasted time making each other laugh with jokes that are completely inappropriate for a children's movie.

What sorts of jokes are we talking about?
Well, Batman has a real kinky side to him, let's just say that. Look at him. He's in basically an S&M outfit.

What's coming up next for you?
My life right now is all about Pitch Perfect 2. I produced the first movie, I'm producing [and directing] the second movie. It's all about getting that script ready to go into production, bringing the cast back together and getting it ready for a release in 2015.

Were there many obstacles in getting the sequel set up?
[The studio] wants to make it, we just want to make the best version that we can. There's a little pressure. They want to release it and they're picking a date for it, so the pressure is, as always, we want to tell a really fun, funny, inspiring story, and we're just homing in on that.

Elizabeth Banks stars in The Lego Movie. GETTY IMAGES

Banks plays Wyldstyle in The Lego Movie. CONTRIBUTED

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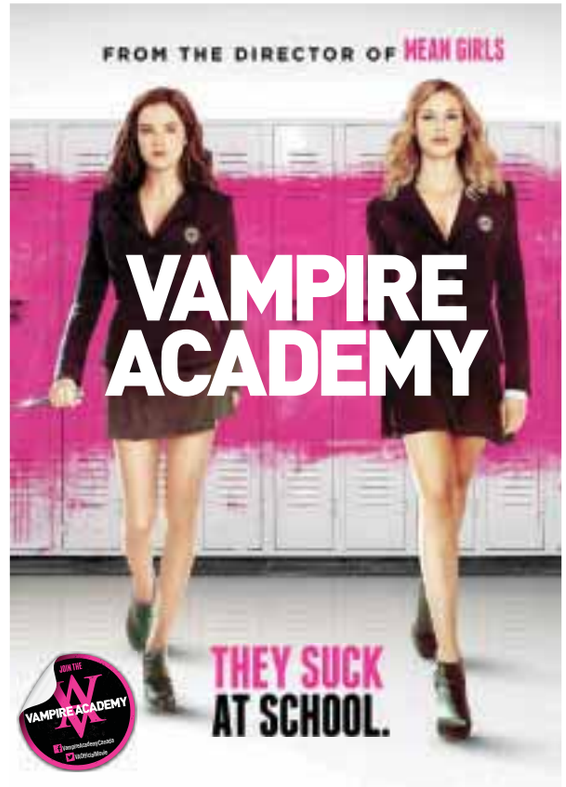

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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 12:35-3:45-7-10:10 Sat 12:20-3:45-7-10:10 Sun 12:20-3:30-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:30-9:50
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McSweeney's stays young at heart

The quirky indie publisher's children's imprint is dedicated to the growing families of the close-knit staff. Brian McMullen, the imprint's editorial and art director — as well as a father of two — discusses some of his favorite books.

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News in New York City

A funny thing happened to the publishing company McSweeney's — children began to appear.

Just as its fan base started to think about procreating, so did the tight-knit staff, which publishes the quarterly literary journal Timothy McSweeney's Quarterly Concern, the monthly magazine The Believer, an assortment of book imprints and other upscale, stylized publications.

"We're a small staff, and a lot of us were in our early 20s when we started working at McSweeney's," recounts Brian McMullen, who joined the operation in 2002 as an intern.

"McSweeney's has always been eclectic; it's always been open to publishing any kind of book irrespective of genre. The only real qualifying thing (to have us publish it) is that it's interesting to us as editors and as readers."

And what slowly became interesting to the full-time staff of nine were children's books. "We found ourselves saturated in children's literature more than we used to be," McMullen remembers.

Since its launch, McSweeney's would publish the occasional children's book, but once they saw the commercial and artistic appeal of the genre, they decided to devote an imprint solely to publishing creative, interesting kids' books.

And so, under the guidance of McMullen, the McSweeney's McMullens children's imprint was born. The first book came out in the summer of 2011 and as of February of this year, the imprint will have 12 picture books and three novels to its name.

As the staff also discovered, children's books fit very well with the McSweeney's brand. "There's so much potential with a picture book," says McMullen, who notes he has an invaluable, in-house marketing focus group for his books — his two sons, ages three and five.

"I've always been an editor and a designer, so I've always loved working with the push and the pull of the editorial and the art and design side of the book; I love being able to see the whole thing at once, thinking about the shape and the size and how the story should go and what the art should be all about," he says.

Quoted

"We found ourselves saturated in children's literature more than we used to be."

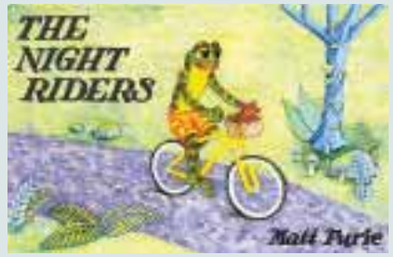
Brian McMullen, on the McSweeney's staff's growing interest in children's books

Details

You can find McSweeney's McMullens children's books at store.mcsweeneys.net.

The Night Riders by Matt Furie

"This is a wonderful, wordless picture book. Furie took an entire year to draw it by hand with coloured pencil. I think half the customers of that book are people who bought it as a coffee-table book because they love the art so much. They're treating it almost like a monograph. There's a lot of slippage sometimes between what's an art book and what's a book for kids. I think a lot of the books we're producing get classified as both."



KATIE MCMULLEN

Brian McMullen, the editorial and art director of McSweeney's McMullens children's book imprint, puts on his pouty face.

Crabtree by Jon and Tucker Nichols

"This is probably our best-reviewed and best-distributed book yet. Tucker Nichols is a gallery artist in San Francisco; he worked with his brother Jon on this, their first kids' book together. Tucker uses his style that he uses for all of his artwork, which usually hangs in galleries, on this book for kids. It's very funny, witty and so re-readable. It's just a beautiful book all about a guy who is an intensive collector and he has to go through all of his belongings and try to find his missing false teeth. At a glance, sometimes our books get misconstrued as being primarily art books, and it can be enjoyed on that level, but our first goal is to please the children in our lives and be able to hand them something that we're proud to sit down and read with them or give to somebody who can sit down and read with their child."

Hang Glider and Mud Mask by Jason Jägel and Brian McMullen

"This is a book I wrote with art by Jason Jägel. It's a book constructed in a Z shape; it has two spines. It's essentially a book you can start reading from either end and has a looping narrative. You can start from one end and get one character's side of the story or you can start from the other side of the book and get the other character's side of the story. The characters meet in the physical middle of the book; it's a very sweet narrative and you can keep reading it in a continuous loop with your child until they get tired of reading it. We try to be very playful with our formats. With picture books, you can be so inventive and playful. It's a fantastic art form, and I think we're only going to see more and more of an appreciation of it as the years go by."

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Video game review

Name. Tomb Raider: Definitive Edition

For. Xbox/PS3/Xbox One/PS4

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The new Lara Croft is a survivalist, driven to hunt down ritual murderers in a shipwreck horror. She used to outsmart ancient death traps, but now wades through blood-filled torture chambers that seem wildly out of place in an otherwise thrilling adventure of ziplines, rock climbs and shoot-outs. The Definitive Edition for new consoles adds enhanced graphics, but really it's the familiar mix of adrenaline and archaeology that makes the game fun on any system. **KRIS ABEL**

3 songs for the weekend

SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross
scene@metronews.ca

Take a shot of dark indie rock to prepare yourself for the hard-to-erase vision of Mr. Jeremy, before heading off to space with a lady called Susan

Leave the Door Wide Open/NO

This L.A. band is Arts & Crafts' new signing. Perfect for those who like the baritone-y sounds of The National, Interpol and Engineers.

Wrecking Ball/ Ron Jeremy

The music video in which The World's Most Portly Porn Star™ reenacts the Miley Cyrus hit. It's SFW, but that doesn't make it any easier to watch. They don't call him "Hedgehog" for nothing.

Major Tom/ Susan 'The Space Lady' Soundz

This could be the oddest version of the 1983 Peter Schilling hit you've ever heard. If you're familiar with the genre known as outsider music, this is a classic.

New York City

Singer St. Vincent to perform during Fashion week

St. Vincent, a.k.a. Annie Erin Clark
GETTY IMAGES FILE

It'll be music to the ears of fashionistas. The singer St. Vincent will give a live performance at designer Diane von Furstenberg's Fashion Week runway show on Feb. 9 in New York, debuting songs from her new self-titled album, which comes out some two weeks later.

The event, which will include an additional performance after the runway show, is being sponsored by American Express as part of a yearlong partnership with von Furstenberg to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her iconic wrap dress. For those not lucky enough to snag a ticket to the runway show, the event will be live streamed on amexunstaged.com and dvf.com.

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GLAAD. Orphan Black, Tegan and Sara among Canuck nods for annual Media Awards

Tegan and Sara, Lady Gaga and the movie Dallas Buyers Club are among the nominees for awards presented by the gay advocacy group GLAAD.

The 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards honour outstanding images of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in areas including music, movies, TV and journalism. On Thursday, GLAAD announced 93 nominees in the English-language categories.

The category of best widely released film includes the Toronto-shot feature The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones, a Canada-U.S.-Germany co-production that'll face rivals including Dallas Buyers Club, directed by Quebec's Jean-Marc Vallée.

Other Canuck nominees are the sci-fi TV series Orphan Black for best drama, and twins Tegan and Sara for best music artist.

The GLAAD Media Awards will be presented in Los Angeles and New York this spring.

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The Canadian TV series Orphan Black is among the nominees for the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Television

John King THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CNN to bring back Inside Politics

CNN is reviving its Inside Politics show with John King as host and adding it to the network's Sunday morning lineup.

The network said Thursday that the 30-minute show will air at 8:30 a.m. ET and debut this weekend. The show previously aired on CNN from 1988 to 2005.

King was CNN's lead reporter for the last two presidential campaigns. The network's Washington bureau chief, Sam Feist, called him the ideal reporter to track politics as Americans begin to think about their next president.

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Doozers are doing it for themselves

The Jim Henson Company. Once playing second fiddle to Fraggle Rock, the little engineers will now take centre stage

Watch it

- Doozers will available on the tvokids.com video player from Monday onwards.

When the fluffy-haired humanoids of the Toronto-shot puppet series Fraggle Rock became a hit in the '80s, their tiny co-stars also developed a fan following.

Lisa Henson, CEO of The Jim Henson Company, says the Doozers became so popular that her late puppet master dad and his collaborators discussed the idea of giving the chubby green engineers their own series. It took several decades, but the idea has finally come to fruition with the new computer-generated animated preschool series Jim Henson's Doozers.

"The Doozers were a lot of people's secret favourite thing about Fraggle Rock because they were always there, but we didn't get to know very much about them from the show," Henson said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

"They piqued a lot of people's curiosity. ... Everyone kind of wanted to peek into their world a little closer, get to know those characters: 'What are they building? What are they doing?'"

In Doozers, the stars are the Pod Squad of four young go-getters voiced by children: purple-clad Daisy Wheel, ginger-haired Spike, pink-loving Molly and yellow-wearing Flex. Together they seek new adventures and challenges in Doozer Creek, getting problem-solving advice from elders as they invent, build and tinker with a variety of devices.

Henson said the show features science, technology, engineering, art and math. It also has a theme of "perseverance and failure" as it aims to show "the actual process of design thinking and engineering."

Doozers gained their own army of followers as characters on the Toronto-shot kids' show Fraggle Rock.
THE JIM HENSON COMPANY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"There has been so much recent discussion about the idea that kids should be encouraged to try things and fail and not be afraid to fail, so one of the kind of social-emotional threads that we pursued in the storytelling was that a lot of the things that they build don't work — or they don't work at first and with improvement and with additions or by collaborating on something they can get it to work," said Henson.

"We didn't just want to show them just finding instant success because in the real world success is rarely instant."

The series is co-produced by The Jim Henson Company and DHX Media in Canada, where Fraggle Rock was particularly popular and taped with a Canuck crew, said Henson.

"The people who worked on the original Fraggle Rock, all of them say that it was the best working experience of their lives and that making Fraggle Rock was a kind of pinnacle of their personal creativity.

"One of the reasons it was such a wonderful experience for the creators of the original show was that Jim Henson was very busy in England doing other things and he let them have a lot of freedom up there, so the show became very collaborative with other show runners. It wasn't Jim Henson being the show runner, so it allowed the other creators of the show to really thrive and make a show that they were all proud of."

The Pod Squad characters are not from the original Fraggle Rock that aired on CBC-TV.

Henson said they invented the new characters to suit the preschool demographic, making sure to split them evenly between genders and "be very forward-thinking about how the women on the show are portrayed."

Alas, Henson added that the Fraggles won't be making cameos on Doozers, but there is a Fraggle Rock feature film in development at New Regency Enterprises.

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Anna Wintour thinks Sarah Jessica Parker is a perfect fit for Vogue

Anna Wintour has apparently been dropping hints that she has big plans at Vogue for pal Sarah Jessica Parker, and some of her underlings are getting nervous.

"Sarah has been consulted on a stunning array of Vogue's big moves over the last several months. She has totally entered the inner circle," a source tells Radar Online. "It's a surprising idea, but one that is not entirely a joke. Anna thinks Sarah, a fashion icon on Sex and the City, truly has what it takes to step into her shoes and take on a role at Vogue one day."

Parker, for her part, is apparently not wasting any time. "Sarah is playing this like she is serious and she wants it. She is doing her homework and learning the business like never before," the source adds.

"It's the fashion equivalent of running for president or getting nominated to the Supreme Court, and Sarah is treating it that way."

Tarantino crowned by Krewe of Orpheus

Actor and director Quentin Tarantino will reign as the Krewe of Orpheus' 2014 Celebrity Monarch. Tarantino will lead the 27-float procession, themed The Enchanted World, on March 3 in New Orleans, on the eve of Mardi Gras.

Following the parade, the krewe's more than 1,300 members will host its black-tie party Orpheuscapade inside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The party will also feature Cheap Trick, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, The Party Crashers, Karma and Elizabeth Lyons.

Quentin Tarantino

Orpheus, one of the city's super krewes, was founded in 1993 by Captain Sonny Borey and Harry Connick Jr.

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"What have you been up to" really means "I don't follow you on twitter or instagram"

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@Miles_Teller
"I'll take a bagel toasted with cream cheese".. "No you won't" #starbucks

The Word

Sienna says she only blames herself for bad press

Sienna Miller's rise to fame got a bit muddled when she became a tabloid sensation thanks to affairs with Daniel Craig and Balthazar Getty, forcing her to take a step back from the spotlight.

But the British actress insists there's no one to blame but herself. "I sabotaged things. I burnt a lot of bridges," she tells Esquire magazine. "What was going on in my private life was not an easy thing to read about.

"People don't want to see films with people they don't approve of in them. I felt like I had no control over any aspect of my life, professionally or personally, so I deliberately disappeared. I was sick of myself, to be honest, or sick of that perception of me."

Rihanna

Even superstars get the booty blues

It turns out everyone is hyper-critical of their own body, even Rihanna, so don't feel too bad. "I do pick on my body," the Stay singer tells E! News. "It's a thing that women do. We walk in front of the mirror and we look at our butt. Is it getting bigger today? Ew. It's still flat."

Beyoncé

Queen B+? University offers course on Beyoncé

Beyoncé is one of the world's most scrutinized pop stars, and now that study is moving to academia.

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University is offering a course called Politicizing Beyoncé.

Kevin Allred, a doctoral student who is teaching the class, tells the university's online news site that he is using Beyoncé's career as a way to explore American race, gender and sexual politics.

The class supplements an analysis of Beyoncé's videos and lyrics with readings from black feminists. Allred says he's seeking to help students think more critically about media consumption.

Rutgers also has a class examining the theology of Bruce Springsteen's lyrics.

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Wet side of Kiwi culture

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While The Lord of the Rings trilogy got the ball rolling, Lorde's wins at the Grammys last weekend has solidified New Zealand's position as the coolest place on Earth.

Kiwi culture extends way beyond movies and music. Its wines are considered some of the New World's finest productions. The first to twist screw caps onto premium juice, they've taken Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir to places other countries can't even buy a ticket.

I love that about New Zealand wines. They know what they do best and, while they're never inexpensive, they deliver.

You might not be thinking about drinking white wine at this time of year. After all, nothing warms the soul on a cold Canadian winter's night like a nice, meaty red. I say worry less about the weather and more about what you've got in your glass.

And though I respect Lorde, Kim Crawford's 2013 Sauvignon Blanc ($19.95 - $22.99), with its sexy, citrus-infused star power, is way more Beyoncé.

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Go to NJ for football and Cincinnati for the chili

Super Bowl snack. The teams are from Seattle and Denver. The arena is in New Jersey and used by New York teams. So, continue the American geography lesson with Cincinnati Chili

This recipe serves six to eight. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Everyone has a go-to chili recipe — but this is chili with a twist. Cincinnati chili is a tradition in parts of Ohio, with various recipes calling for the addition of allspice, cinnamon and cloves combined with more traditional ingredients like chili powder.

It is usually served atop pasta with grated cheese and garnished with kidney beans.

This Cincinnati chili recipe from award-winning Canadian chef Ricardo is perfect for anyone looking for a new chili experience.

Ingredients

- 1 kg (2 lb) lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chili powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground cumin
- 2.5 ml (1/2 tsp) allspice
- 2.5 ml (1/2 tsp) hot pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 1 pinch ground cloves
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) white wine vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 750 ml (3 cups) water
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (156 ml/5.5 oz each) tomato paste
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cloves
- Salt and pepper

Garnishes

- Canned red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- Green onions, chopped
- Orange cheddar, grated

1. In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, brown the meat, onion and garlic in the oil, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon. Season with salt. Add the spices and cook for 3 minutes more.

2. Deglaze with the vinegar and Worcestershire sauce. Add the water, tomato sauce, tomato paste, bay leaves and cloves. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently for about 2 hours, stirring frequently. Remove the bay leaves. Adjust the seasoning.

3. For an authentic presentation, serve on al dente spaghetti. Garnish with kidney beans, green onions and cheddar. For something more casual, like a Super Bowl snack, serve in bowls with garlic bread.

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The Canadian connections

Three Canadians will take part in the big game.

Broncos' offensive tackle Orlando Franklin, though not born in Canada, moved to Scarborough, Ont. when he was three. Seahawks rookie Luke Willson of LaSalle, Ont., was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays but chose football over baseball. Seattle punter Jon Ryan will be the first Saskatchewan native to play in the Super Bowl. He made the jump from CFL to NFL in 2006.

There will also be a Canadian sitting in the owner's suite. Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was raised in Alberta and retains his citizenship. **TERESA KRUZE**

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Super Bowl XLVIII will be a day of many firsts. It's the first Super Bowl held in the Northeast, the first hosted by two NFL franchises (Giants and Jets), and the first hosted by two states (New York and New Jersey).

How so? While the Giants and Jets are both New York teams, the stadium they play is across state lines in New Jersey. The Super Bowl has become much more than just a game, with festivities taking place all week in both the Big Apple and the Garden State.

C-c-c-cold

Sunday's game will be the first outdoor, cold weather Super Bowl in history and everyone is whining, er... talking about it. WIMPS. Canadian football fans have been braving games in bone-numbing temperatures for years. Super Bowl organizers are giving each ticket holder a swag bag seat cushion filled with hand warmers, ear muffs, gloves, tissues, a toque, lip balm and a radio to make the 82,500 frozen fans feel a little less frozen.

More than 100 million people are expected to watch the Seahawks take on the Broncos on Sunday. Will you be one of them? Here's all you need to know to enjoy the Super Bowl, and a few inside hints to make you look like an expert.

Who will you be cheering for during the big game? ISTOCK

Who is playing?

The Broncos are two-time Super Bowl champions and are coming off a record-setting year. Quarterback Peyton Manning led Denver to set new marks for points scored (606) and touchdown passes (55). The Seahawks have never won the Super Bowl, but come into the game with an equally impressive defense. On Sunday, it'll be the number one offense in the league against the number one defense. This hasn't happened since 1991. **TERESA KRUZE**

Seattle Seahawks (NFC champs)

Russell Wilson

Wilson's 25 and in his second year of playing for Seattle. He's been described as having a cannon arm, Houdini-like escape skills and is deadly outside the pocket. Some say he lacks experience and seasoning, but he has two big things going for him: the Seahawks' defense and former CFL great and NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Moon as a mentor.

Denver Broncos (AFC champs)

Peyton Manning

Peyton Manning, 37, has scorched the record books, and will likely go down as one of the best quarterbacks of all time. He has one Super Bowl ring. His critics predict he'll choke and freeze up on Sunday. After destroying the Tennessee Titans on a freezing December day, Manning said to his critics: "Whoever wrote that narrative can shove it where the sun don't shine."

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Weekend, January 31-February 2, 2014

Be prepared for a wild ride

Just like its namesake, the upcoming Year of the Horse will be tempestuous, says Vancouver-based fortune teller and feng shui master Sherman Tai.

Over the past 130 years, other Years of the Horse have been unstable economically, politically and meteorologically.

"It's not a very good year," Tai said. "Too many uncertainties."

People born in the Year of the Horse tend to be charismatic, independent and unpredictable.

Since the year will reflect that unpredictability, be conservative in financial matters, Tai cautioned.

"The financial situation will be up and down."

He predicts the Canadian dollar will continue to drop, at least by another two or three per cent. The U.S. dollar, meanwhile, will have a much better year. But don't put all your eggs in one basket, Tai said.

The U.S. economy is "improving but not yet fully recovered."

Weather will follow the same chaotic pattern. This year will be a scorcher, Tai said, particularly for the eastern provinces. **STEPHANIE ORFORD**

People born in the Year of the Horse tend to be charismatic, independent and unpredictable. SOFIAWORLD/SHUTTERSTOCK

Food. Tasty tradition

It wouldn't be Chinese New Year's without the culinary traditions. Families are cooking together, restaurants are jam-packed and shops are giving away free samples.

Jiaozi, a.k.a. potstickers, are a favourite dish for the occasion in northern China, says Kathy Gibler, the executive director of Vancouver's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. These dumplings can be steamed or fried, and come with many different kinds of fillings, including vegetarian, pork and green onion. "It's one of the things that I love," Gibler said.

Another lucky food that's common on Chinese New Year is long-life noodles or yi mein. Usually made of wheat flour, these chewy noodles can be used in soups, salads or stir-fries, and eating them is good luck and signifies long life.

"At the (Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden) we have what's called the tray of togetherness," she said. It's an eight-sided tray with an array of fruits and nuts available for visitors. **STEPHANIE ORFORD**

Long-life noodles or yi mein are popular at Chinese New Year. ZKRUGER/SHUTTERSTOCK

Celebrate with family

There is nobody better to celebrate with than your loved ones. Family traditions are at the heart of Chinese New Year, says Kathy Gibler, the executive director of Vancouver's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

It's a multi-day tradition for many families, spanning from several days before the new year, in which the family cooks, cleans and gets everything ready for the celebration, and continuing into two or three days after the new year.

Visiting friends and family is a must, Gibler said.

"You're wishing them a happy New Year's. It's a lucky thing to do. You really want to see all the people who are important to you."

On New Year's Day it's a modern tradition for families to go out for dinner. "Every Chinese restaurant is booked fully. So that's where you should go if you want to experience modern Chinese New Year — if you can get in!"

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Chinese New Year starts on the second new moon after winter solstice. This year, we celebrate the Year of the Horse, which is the year of benefits and self-reflection. You can expect luck to be on your side — not only will your good karma prevail, but also your hidden talents.

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RAT

(Feb. 10, 1948 – Jan. 28, 1949; Jan. 28, 1960 – Feb. 14, 1961; Feb. 15, 1972 – Feb. 2, 1973; Feb. 2, 1984 – Feb. 19, 1985; Feb. 19, 1996 – Feb. 6, 1997)

Your mate will expect more from you. If you are single, you'll have to make an effort to meet someone because they will not plop on your lap. You will be recognized — and compensated — for your work ethic.

OX

(Jan. 29, 1949 – Feb. 16, 1950; Feb. 15, 1961 – Feb. 4, 1962; Feb. 3, 1973 – Jan. 22, 1974; Feb. 20, 1985 – Feb. 8, 1986; Feb. 7, 1997 – Jan. 27, 1998)

You will draw in many potential partners for love, business and friendship. Change is imperative to an ox during 2014, and the change will be great. From April until August, you have an opportunity to make money.

TIGER

(Feb. 17, 1950 – Feb. 5, 1951; Feb. 5, 1962 – Jan. 24, 1963; Jan. 23, 1974 – Feb. 10, 1975; Feb. 9, 1986 – Jan. 28, 1987; Jan. 28, 1998 – Feb. 15, 1999)

Do not bottle your emotions — let your feelings flow, but watch your temper. Employers will be impressed. You should have no issues saving money during 2014, as long as you spend wisely.

RABBIT

(Feb. 6, 1951 – Jan. 26, 1952; Jan. 25, 1963 – Feb. 12, 1964; Feb. 11, 1975 – Jan. 30, 1976; Jan. 29, 1987 – Feb. 16, 1988; Feb. 16, 1999 – Feb. 4, 2000)

Single? Expect to meet someone new in April. Be aware of job opportunities that promise the stars — they may blow smoke in your eyes. Your finances will improve; be mindful not to overspend.

DRAGON

(Jan. 27, 1952 – Feb. 13, 1953; Feb. 13, 1964 – Feb. 1, 1965; Jan. 31, 1976 – Feb. 17, 1977; Feb. 17, 1988 – Feb. 5, 1989; Feb. 5, 2000 – Jan. 23, 2001)

Your romantic side will impress anyone who is graced with your love. You will rise above challenges as long as you don't allow arrogance to guide you. Money will be your friend this year.

SNAKE

(Jan. 27, 1941 – Feb. 14, 1942; Feb. 14, 1953 – Feb. 2, 1954; Feb. 2, 1965 – Jan. 20, 1966; Feb. 18, 1977 – Feb. 6, 1978; Feb. 6, 1989 – Jan. 26, 1990)

You look calm on the surface, but love and passion will burn hot all year. Thinking about self-employment, going back to school or changing careers? Do it now. Procrastination will hold you back.

HORSE

(Feb. 15, 1942 – Feb. 4, 1943; Feb. 3, 1954 – Jan. 23,1955; Jan. 21, 1966 – Feb. 8, 1967; Feb. 7, 1978 – Jan. 27, 1979; Jan. 27, 1990 – Feb. 14, 1991)

You will exceed your expectations, but expect the unexpected. Luck is on your side; apply for jobs you always thought you could not get. But don't spend your money frivolously.

SHEEP

(Feb. 5, 1943 – Jan. 24, 1944; Jan. 24, 1955 – Feb. 11, 1956; Feb. 9, 1967 – Jan. 29, 1968; Jan. 28, 1979 – Feb. 15, 1980; Feb. 15, 1991 – Feb. 3, 1992)

People will gravitate toward your compassionate and loving nature. You will be given an opportunity to climb the career ladder — do not hesitate. Don't lend or spend money you do not have.

MONKEY

(Jan. 25, 1944 – Feb. 12, 1945; Feb. 12, 1956 – Jan. 30, 1957; Jan. 30, 1968 – Feb. 16, 1969; Feb. 16, 1980 – Feb. 4, 1981; Feb. 4, 1992 – Jan. 22, 1993)

Your loved ones will run to you for advice. You will be recognized for your proficiency on the job and knowledge of your industry. If you can help someone in a financial bind, then do it.

ROOSTER

(Feb. 13, 1945 – Feb. 1, 1946; Jan. 31, 1957 – Feb. 17, 1958; Feb. 17, 1969 – Feb. 5, 1970; Feb. 5, 1981 – Jan. 24, 1982; Jan. 23, 1993 – Feb. 9, 1994)

You will impress people who you connect with; you might even find a new mate in the midst of it all. From the end of winter to early spring, your sensitive side will be in full gear. Be patient with co-workers and summer will present a promotion at work.

DOG

(Feb. 2, 1946 – Jan. 21, 1947; Feb. 18, 1958 – Feb. 7, 1959; Feb. 6, 1970 – Jan. 26, 1971; Jan. 25, 1982 – Feb. 12, 1983; Feb. 10, 1994 – Jan. 30, 1995)

If single, you might not be by mid-summer or late fall. In a relationship? You can look forward to your commitment getting stronger. Your co-workers will look up to you and appreciate the way you handle stress in a work environment.

PIG

(Jan. 22, 1947 – Feb. 9, 1948; Feb. 8, 1959 – Jan. 27, 1960; Jan. 27, 1971 – Feb. 14, 1972; Feb. 13, 1983 – Feb. 1, 1984; Jan. 31, 1995 – Feb. 18, 1996)

Ooh la la, piggy, you will encounter many picks for love, but choose wisely, because this one will last. In a relationship? Hmm, get ready for a side attraction. This is your year to cash in. Looking for the perfect job? You will not have to look past April or May.

Start the new year on a lucky note

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

Chinese New Year is a time of looking forward to the next year, so the number of lucky things you are able to do on New Year's plays a key role in determining your welfare over the next year, according to tradition, says Kathy Gibler, the executive director of Vancouver's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

Many of the traditions around Chinese New Year are based around the idea of luck, including fireworks and lucky money, she says. But simple symbols around the home make a difference, too.

Oranges are a lucky symbol because their round shape and their golden colour symbolize prosperity and wealth. A household might have a small orange tree, or simply a bowl of oranges on display.

Hanging red lanterns to bring luck is a tradition during Chinese New Year. BENCHAPORN MAIWAT/SHUTTERSTOCK

Eight is another lucky symbol — "because the eight in Chinese sounds like the word 'abundance,'" Gibler said.

"You also always want a lot of red, which is the happy colour. Often, there are red lanterns hung up, and one of the things you decorate your house with are red pieces of paper with lucky sayings on them. We have them here at the garden all over the place."

Oranges are thought to bring good luck. WONG YU LIANG/SHUTTERSTOCK

One of the luck-bringing activities that people like to take care of before New Year's Day is to settle their debts. It's considered very positive to go into the new year debt-free.

"That last day there's a lot of running around — shopkeepers trying to collect their bills," she said.

The Jets' Dustin Byfuglien, Bryan Little, Andrew Ladd and Jacob Trouba celebrate Byfuglien's overtime goal to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 in Winnipeg on Jan. 25. Jets coach Paul Maurice says the defenceman will keep playing on offence for the time being. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Byfuglien continues to impress up front

NHL. New coach happy to keep D-man on O as long as he maintains consistent output

Dustin Byfuglien may have to scratch for things he likes about playing forward but his coach is certainly sold on the way the former Winnipeg Jets defenceman is performing when he's on the ice.

"I really like the way he's into the game on the bench, he's finishing checks, he's engaged in what he's doing," Paul Maurice said Thursday as the Jets prepared to host the Vancouver Canucks.

"He doesn't at all look like a player who's waiting for this experiment not to work and 'I'm going to go back to where I want to.'"

Moving Byfuglien to the wing was one of former coach Claude Noel's last acts as he tried to reverse a five-game slide that ultimately cost him his job.

Maurice left Byfuglien there and suggests it's working so well it's not even something he thinks about.

"He's put up big numbers, scored overtime goals, done the things, so he's impactful in our game," Maurice said.

Game day

After losing 4-3 to the Nashville Predators on Tuesday, the Jets host Western Conference rival Vancouver on Friday night at the MTS Centre.

The Chicago Blackhawks also tried Byfuglien at forward, although he has made it no secret that he prefers defence. He hasn't quit cold turkey and still covers the blue-line when the Jets have a power play. Byfuglien is still the third-highest scoring defenceman in the league with 40 points.

When Winnipeg's power play works (which isn't often, ranking 24th in the NHL) it's usually Byfuglien who's partly responsible. He has a team-leading 19 power-play points.

While forward might not be his first choice, he says it's his job to do what he's asked to help the Jets win.

"I don't know if I'm really comfortable yet but getting there," he said after practice Thursday. "Playing with the same line helps and getting to know where they go, it's better."

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CFL

Riders release all-star Dressler

The Grey Cup-champion Saskatchewan Roughriders released all-star slotback Weston Dressler on Thursday.

The move wasn't a surprise. Dressler, 28, was scheduled to become a free agent Feb. 15 and was exploring his NFL options.

This allows Dressler, who earlier this month worked out for the Kansas City Chiefs, to sign an NFL deal immediately.

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CFL

Collaros in, Burris out in Hamilton

Zach Collaros wasn't a free agent for long.

The 25-year-old quarterback signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Tuesday, a day after being released by the Toronto Argonauts. Collaros's deal is through the 2016 season.

The signing of Collaros ends veteran Henry Burris's time in Hamilton as he was released Thursday.

Burris guided Hamilton to a Grey Cup berth last season and was slated to become a free agent next month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Joseph granted release from Esks

The Edmonton Eskimos released veteran quarterback Kerry Joseph on Thursday.

That paves the way for Joseph to sign with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, then announce his retirement after 11 CFL seasons. Joseph enjoyed his best campaign with the Riders in '07, being named the league's outstanding player and leading the team to a Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brodeur 'open to anything' that equals ice time

Martin Brodeur is synonymous with the New Jersey Devils and has been their No. 1 goalie since 1993.

That has come to an end, since Cory Schneider has the starter's role now. And just as the Devils looked to the future in acquiring Schneider last summer, Brodeur is looking to his own future.

It appears he wants to keep playing, and not as a backup.

Time for a change?

"If there's a better situation for me, I'll take it. If it's here or somewhere else, it doesn't matter."

New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur on finding another full-time job

He told NorthJersey.com he's willing to waive his no-trade clause.

"I'm open to anything," Brodeur told the paper. "I just want to play. So ... if there's a better situation for me, I'll take it. If it's here or somewhere else, it doesn't matter."

Brodeur is 41 years of age and earns $5 million US this season. He is an unrestricted free agent this summer.

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Martin Brodeur looks on during Sunday's game against the Rangers at Yankee Stadium. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

The Broncos' Jeremy Mincey takes down Patriots quarterback Tom Brady during the AFC championship game on Jan. 19 in Denver. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Mom, I made it: Vets finally in Super Bowl

Realizing their dreams. It took a number of players many years to make it to the big game, but they're glad they did

They are former kids who played in their backyards and dreamed of scoring the winning touchdown, making the big play on defence and somehow sharing in the spotlight of helping a team win the Super Bowl.

Not all dreamers get to the NFL, and certainly, many who get to football's highest level don't get the chance to play in the Super Bowl.

There are at least a dozen who will be participating for the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks in Sunday's Super Bowl who toiled for at least eight years in the NFL before getting a chance to play for the title.

Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey is the poster child. He waited 15 years. The other includes the last XFL player still in the NFL, a couple of Chargers who got close, a Canadian who lost the NFC title in overtime a couple of years ago and a number who played on bad teams before finding their way to those on the cusp of greatness.

Bailey is philosophical about being at his first Super Bowl.

"If I was supposed to be here, I would have been here a long time ago," Bailey said Thursday as players held their final interviews before the first Super Bowl in an outdoor stadium in a cold-weather city. "Things do take time, and I finally got with the right group of guys, as a whole. I played with some great players, but this is definitely the best team I've been on."

Denver defensive end Jeremy Mincey played on a lot of bad teams in Jacksonville and was heading nowhere late in the season when the Jaguars released him in December for missing a meeting. The Broncos picked him up.

"Dude, this is what we play for, man," said Mincey, who has played six seasons and had another as a practice-squad player. "This is why we keep playing. A lot of us go through a lot in this league, especially guys like me and Mike Adams who have been with so many different teams, different situations. It feels good to actually have this opportunity and for things to land in sync."

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Jon Ryan

Canadian thankful for opportunity

Seahawks punter Jon Ryan was with Green Bay in the 2007 season when it lost to the Giants in the NFC title game in overtime.

"That was a heartbreaker and when I went to Seattle after that we had a couple of lean years where we won four and five games," the native of Regina said. "After eight years, I'm finally getting a chance to play in the game. It's every kid's dream. In the backyard, you'd be (John) Elway or (Joe) Montana passing to (Jerry) Rice or whoever.

"As you get older, it seems to become a pipe dream, but now I am so thankful to be here."

Seahawks rolling in deep talent pool

Richard Sherman, Russell Wilson and Marshawn Lynch deservedly draw the attention for what they've done in getting the Seattle Seahawks to the Super Bowl.

Players like Jermaine Kearse, Walter Thurmond and Malcolm Smith are just as big a reason why Seattle is facing Denver in Sunday's championship game.

Seattle may have one of the better starting lineups in the NFL, but the depth that general manager John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll have amassed is equally impressive. It's the reason they can rotate eight different defensive linemen. It's why, when Brandon Browner was injured and Thurmond suspended, Byron Maxwell could step in and play in Seattle's secondary without it suffering.

It's a regular refrain in the Seattle locker-room to hear teammates say the Seahawks reserves could be starters on other teams. And there is some proof: In the past year, 23 players once with Seattle have spent time on the 53-man roster of other teams.

"It's crazy because we're always saying our backups could be starters. We always say that," strong safety Kam Chancellor said. "Those guys, people don't see this, but in practice those guys play just as good as us. They're making plays, getting the ball. Those guys contribute on special teams. Our special teams are probably one of the best.

"Those guys put in work on special teams and it just goes unseen." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jermaine Kearse of the Seahawks catches a pivotal fourth-quarter touchdown against the 49ers during the NFC championship game on Jan. 19 in Seattle. Kearse became a needed option as a third and fourth receiver this season when the injury bug bit Percy Harvin and Sidney Rice. OTTO GREULE JR./GETTY IMAGES

Extreme makeover

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The number of roster moves the Seahawks have made since before the start of the 2010 season. The goal was to make a roster with a depth chart that was the envy of the NFL.

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Marshawn Lynch of the Seattle Seahawks carries the ball against the San Francisco 49ers during the NFC Championship on Jan. 19 in Seattle. Despite doing his best to avoid the media, the running back will have the spotlight fixed on him come Sunday. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

Sherman on Lynch: 'I think his game speaks for itself'

Silent mode. Seahawks RB, unlike teammate, done talking ahead of Super Bowl Sunday

Marshawn Lynch said Thursday it will be good to get back to football after the quiet Seattle running back wrapped up his final mandatory media session of Super Bowl week.

Lynch took questions for about seven and a half minutes during the morning session, his longest such stretch this week. He talked for less than seven minutes at both media day on Tuesday and the media session at the team hotel on Wednesday. "It's going to be good to get back to football," Lynch said. "Real good."

Lynch's aversion to speaking with the media had become a major focal point as the Seahawks started their preparations for Sunday's game against Denver. While Seattle was getting attention last week for the comments made by Richard Sherman during the NFC championship game, this week it was about Lynch's reluctance to open his mouth.

"I think he shouldn't have to do everything that he doesn't feel comfortable with," Sherman said. "But myself, I'm fine with it. I enjoy it. I enjoy getting the message out that I want to get out, and I enjoy supporting my teammates. The great Marshawn Lynch, I think his game speaks for itself. It says enough for everybody to talk about for weeks and weeks."

Even with only talking for a few minutes, Lynch managed to make an attention grabbing statement. Asked what he thought about assistant head coach Tom Cable when he arrived in 2011, Lynch made reference to a reported incident with an assistant coach when Cable was Oakland's head coach in 2009.

"Well, being from Oakland, all I knew about him was that he punched people," Lynch said. "That's my type of person."

It was unclear if he was being serious with his comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beast-season

"I'm not sure, man. It's not like I prepare any different. I couldn't tell you."

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, on his stellar post-season play.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may prefer to deal with facts but there are times when you must take what you are told on trust, and this is one of them. Those you work with may be difficult at times but they are still on your side.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Something will seize your imagination today and you will move in a new direction. Does what you are doing have any practical or financial value? Who cares! It's enjoyable!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Despite what some negative types might say, most people in the world are just like you. Keep that in mind today when dealing with strangers. You may be surprised how much you have in common.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Some people think you are the best thing since sliced bread — and they're right. But don't let flattery and adulation go to your head because there are others who would like an excuse to take you down a peg.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There may be a thousand chores you'd like to avoid but you can't, so don't waste time on wishful thinking. Positive thinking, however, is to be encouraged, so imagine you are having the time of your life.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Make the most of your current run of good fortune and make sure those you are closest to know how you feel about them. Chances are they know anyway but it never hurts to make sure.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It will pay you to come on less strong today, especially at work but also at home. You don't need to prove yourself. In fact, you will impress people more if you switch off and have fun.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Have fun. Hang out with your friends. This isn't a day to think about any of the many things you have been worrying about. You deserve a break so reward yourself. Others will smile too.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You know what needs to be done to put things right and put loved ones and business colleagues at ease, so do it. Just make sure you can deliver on any promises you might make — and never, ever make promises about money.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find it easy enough to get your way over the next 24 hours, especially if you tell others what they want to hear. Is that dishonest? Maybe, but it's not the worst thing you'll do.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The more you ask for, the more you get. The more you get, the more you want. Just be careful you don't get so much that you can hardly meet the responsibilities that go with it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your future has rarely looked brighter. So why so glum? Whatever the reason, you need to snap out of it and recognize that, compared to most people, you are on easy street. All you really have to worry about is staying there. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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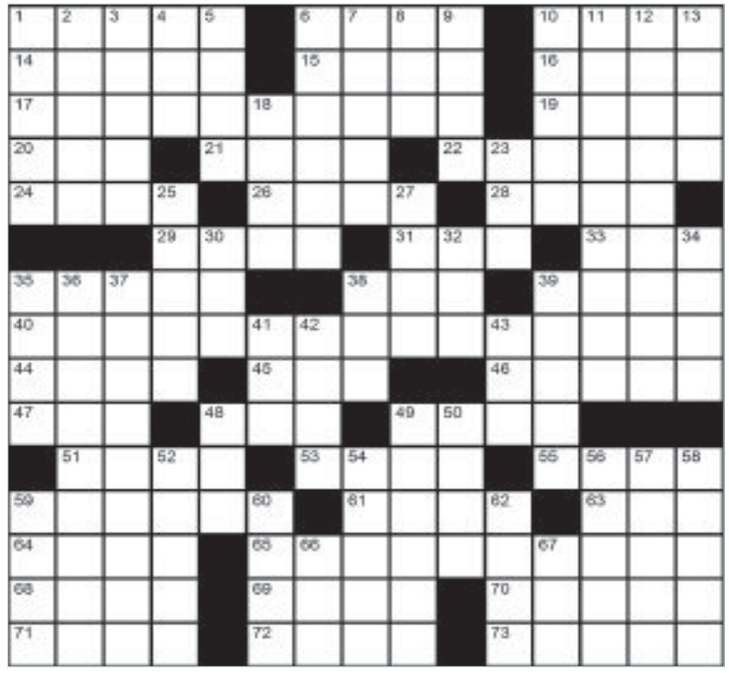

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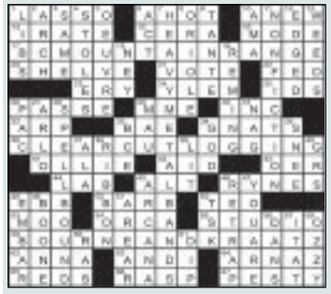
14. Actress Deborah
15. Telephone __
16. Wheel shaft
17. Restores rank
19. Twirled
20. Flower container
21. Nobleman
22. Bands of eight
24. Hitch
26. Tribute types
28. Singer Mr. Anthony
29. Glasgow gal
31. Mr. Pacino's
33. Definite article
35. Plus
38. "You __ what you eat."
39. First __ (Some claims)
40. Nova Scotia's big star on Groundhog Day, February 2nd: 2 wds.
44. Bob of comedy
45. Rainbow shape
46. Vassal
47. Female sheep
48. Vital life energy
49. Immense
51. The Supremes, for example
53. Milk: French
55. Shaggy creatures
59. Understated
61. Ribbon bow part
63. Sing-y syllable
64. One: Italian [pl.]
65. "Groundhog Day" (1993) star: 2 wds.
68. Buckingham Palace stables, The Royal __
69. Acreage
70. Norse navigator Mr. Ericsson's
71. Norway's capital
72. Hankerings
73. __-Bismol

Down
1. Dwells on
2. Classic theatre
3. Seasoned yogurt dip of India
4. Fall from grace
5. Highlands tongue
6. Grammy and Oscar
7. Story's topper
8. Portland's state, for short
9. Certain currency
10. East Side Mario's serving
11. Skilfulness
12. Type of purse for the red carpet: 2 wds.
13. Actor Mr. Watanabe's
18. __, New Mexico
23. Metric measurements, mini-ly
25. The __ (Area of Ottawa)
27. Actress Ms. Paxton
30. Dined
32. Guided
34. Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
35. Tennis star Arthur
36. Rodgers & Hammerstein fare: 2 wds.
37. Big sporting event this weekend: 2 wds.
38. Scene of NHL action in Toronto
39. Zeus, for one
41. "Uh-uh."
42. Husk
43. Elles opposites
48. Mil. officer
49. Some 'strings' in music
50. Mr. Egoyan
52. Linda Ronstadt hit: "__ Easy": 2 wds.
54. Actor Tim
56. Take _ __ (Go vacationing)
57. Big name in food
58. Pull, as to give the word to get things done
59. Form of wrestling
60. Auction website
62. Stuff in orange juice
66. Hotness
67. Riddle-me-__

Yesterday's Crossword



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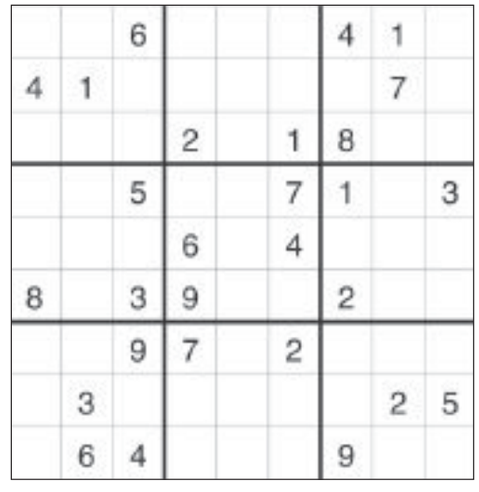
How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

7	4	9	2	1	5	6	3	8
8	3	1	7	4	6	9	5	2
5	2	6	3	9	8	7	1	4
4	6	5	8	7	3	1	2	9
3	1	2	9	5	4	8	6	7
9	8	7	1	6	2	5	4	3
6	5	8	4	2	7	3	9	1
2	9	3	6	8	1	4	7	5
1	7	4	5	3	9	2	8	6

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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